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1. OUR INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUNDS OF MEMBERS OF THE UPPER HOUSE HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT SINCE REFS WERE WRITTEN, AND HAS OF COURSE BEEN CHANGED BY REPLACEMENT OF PHAM BA CAM LIST BY THAT OF TRAN VAN LAM. OUR CURRENT ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITION OF UPPER HOUSE FOLLOWS:

(1) A) AGE - 16 IN 30S, 18 IN 40S, 21 IN 50S, FOUR IN 60S AND 1 IN HIS 70S. AVERAGE AND MEDIAN IN HIGH FORTIES. ELDEST,

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WHO WILL BE TEMPORARY UPPER HOUSE CHAIRMAN, IS VO VAN TRUYEN
OF REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET LIST #21, BORN SOMETIME IN 1896.
YOUNGEST, WHO WILL BE TEMPORARY SECRETARY-GENERAL, IS MONTAGNARD
ASSEMBLY DEPUTY AND FULRO REPRESENTATIVE KSOR ROT, BORN
MARCH 16, 1937 OF THE FARMER-WORKER-SOLDIER LIST #13.

NAMESE, 3 NORTH CENTRAL VIETNAMESE, 12 SOUTH CENTRAL
VIETNAMESE, 20 SOUTHERN VIETNAMESE, ONE SOUTHERN MONTAGNARD,
ONE CHINESE, AND NORTHERN REFUGEE MONTAGNARD, VONG A
SANG, WHO IS A NUNG AND IS REGARDED BY THE CHINESE AS ONE
OF THEIR OWN. THERE ARE NO CAMBODIANS. TOTAL OF REFUGEES
FROM THE NORTH NORTHERN AND NORTH CENTRAL VIETNAMESE PLUS
SANG) IS 26.

C. RELIGION - OUR CURRENT FIGURES INDICATE 15 BUDDHISTS,
30 CATHOLICS, THREE CAO DAI, TWO HOA HAO BUDDHISTS, ONE
ANIMIST AND 9 UNKNOWN. WE CANNOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY ALL
30 CATHOLICS BY NAME BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF LIST 40
(NGUYEN VAN HUYEN'S) AND FIVE OF LIST 3 (TRAN VAN LAM'S) ARE
CATHOLIC; WE ARE SURE THAT SEVEN OF LIST 8 (NGUYEN GIA HIEN)
ARE CATHOLIC, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THREE OF LIST 13, FOUR

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OF LIST 31, AND ONE (NON-PRACTICING CATHOLIC CONVERT HOANG
XUAN TUU) ON LIST 21 ARE CATHOLIC. APOSTOLIC DELEGATE HAD ACCEPTED
AS MANY AS 24 CATHOLICS IN UPPER HOUSE BEFORE REPLACEMENT
OF CAM LIST BY LAM LIST (FIVE CATHOLICS) AND NOW PRE-
SUMABLY HAS RAISED HIS TOTAL TO 29. WHEN ALL UNKNOWNS
ARE IDENTIFIED, TOTAL COULD GO A LITTLE OVER 30.

D) CURRENT OCCUPATION - ALTHOUGH MANY SENATORS-
ELECT HAVE PRACTICED SEVERAL OCCUPATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY
OR SERIALLY, WE ARE CATEGORIZING EACH ONE ACCORDING TO
HIS MOST RECENT OR CURRENT OCCUPATION. WE HAVE IDENTI-
FIED ONE MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORY; ONE MEMBER OF THE
PEOPLES' ARMY COUNCIL; 11 ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES; ONE LABOR
LEADER; SEVEN RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER, INCLUDING FOUR
GENERALS; NINE POLITICIANS AND NOTABLES; THREE SERVING

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MILITARY MEN AND TWO CIVIL SERVANTS; SIX PROFESSORS; SIX ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES; THREE ENGINEERS; THREE DOCTORS; TWO PHARMACISTS; ONE ARCHITECT; AND FOUR MERCHANTS.

E) CURRENT POLITICAL AFFILIATION - THREE OF THE SIX LISTS REPRESENT POLITICAL PARTIES IN BEING OR IN FORMATION - TREQ VAN DON'S "FARMER-WORKER-SOLDIER";

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NGUYEN NGOC KY'S REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIETS; AND NGUYEN G N HIEN'S GREATERSOLIDARITY FORCE. IN PAST, SENATORS-ELECT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A VARIETY OF POLITICAL PARTIES, MOVEMENTS AND CLIQUES, WITHOUT ANY CLEAR PATTERN.

2. COMMENT: SWITCH FROM CAM TO LAM BRINGS CATHOLIC SCORE IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION TO FOUR WINNERS (HUYEN, HIEN, CAO AND LAM) OUT OF SIX LISTS THEY SUPPORTED; IT SIMULTANEOUSLY REDUCES SUCCESSFUL LISTS SUPPORTED BY MILITANT BUDDHISTS FROM TWO TO ONE (DON).

3. WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEEK FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALL UPPER HOUSE MEMBERS AND PLAN TO PRODUCE MORE DEFINITIVE WORK ON NEW SENATE.

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